

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in the above-captioned patent application.

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A display panel comprising:

first and second substrates placed opposite each other to form a hermetically sealed space between them;

~~a resin~~ an electrode protective layer formed on the first substrate; and

a metal plate covered with an insulating layer, and fixed onto an inner surface of the first substrate by the ~~resin~~ electrode protective layer, and having a plurality of formed-for-unit-light-emission-area through holes formed in a matrix arrangement in a portion of the metal plate opposite a display area portion of the first substrate for formation of unit light emission areas, and burning-process-use through holes formed in a portion of the metal plate opposite a non-display area portion of the first substrate to function in a burning process,

wherein the metal plate is fixed in the display area portion and the non-display area portion of the first substrate by the electrode protective layer.

2. (Original) A display panel according to claim 1, wherein said burning-process-use through holes are formed at regular intervals in the portion of the metal plate opposite the non-display area portion of the first substrate.

3. (Original) A display panel according to claim 1, further comprising a registration mark indicated in a selected position on the inner surface of the first substrate, and a registration through hole formed in a portion of the metal plate opposite the registration mark indicated on the first substrate.

4. (Original) A display panel according to claim 3, wherein a plurality of said registration marks are respectively indicated in a plurality of positions of the first substrate, and the registration through holes are formed in the metal plate in a number corresponding to the number of registration marks indicated on the first substrate.

5. (Currently Amended) A method of manufacturing a display panel, comprising the steps of:

forming a ~~resin~~ an electrode protective layer on an inner surface of a first substrate of first and second substrates which are placed opposite each other to form a hermetically sealed space between the two substrates;

arranging, on the ~~resin~~ electrode protective layer formed on the first substrate, a metal plate covered with an insulating layer and having a plurality of formed-for-unit-light-emission-area through holes formed in a matrix arrangement in a portion opposite a display area portion of the first substrate for formation of unit light emission areas, and burning-process-use through holes formed in a portion opposite a non-display area portion of the first substrate to function in a burning process; and

burning the first substrate, having the metal plate arranged thereon, to fix the metal plate onto the first substrate by the resin electrode protective layer in the display area portion and the non-display area portion of the first substrate.

6. (Currently Amended) A method of manufacturing a display panel according to claim 5, wherein in the step of arranging the metal plate on the resin electrode protective layer formed on the first substrate, a position of a registration through hole formed in the metal plate and a position of a registration mark formed in a selected position on the inner surface of the first substrate are aligned with each other for registration of the metal plate with respect to the first substrate.

7-10. (Canceled).